

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION**

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SERIAL NO. GROUP ART UNIT:

DATE FILED: December 8, 2003 EXAMINER:

INVENTION: "HEAT TREATMENT APPARATUS AND METHOD OF HEAT  
TREATMENT"

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Please amend the attached application as follows: